

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nambu in view of Ohnuma; claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nambu in view of Ohnuma as applied to claims 1 and 4, and further in view of Ghandi.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claim 3, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, would be allowable.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3. As stated by the examiner, amended claim 1 is now allowable over the prior art. Claims 2 and 4 depend from claim 1 and therefore contain all the limitations of claim 1. Claims 2 and 4 are therefore also allowable over the prior art.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 5-11 are allowed.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated,
Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter K. McLarty', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter K. McLarty
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 44,923

Texas Instruments Incorporated
P.O. Box 655474, MS 3999
Dallas, TX 75265
(972) 917-4258

Amendments to the Drawings:

None